

LB 10
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SENATOR STAHMER: You are voting for an Omaha Public School district tax increase which includes part of the city of Omaha, extends out beyond the city of Omaha, also extends in the Sarpy County. Within the city of Omaha there are, in addition other school districts, namely 66 and Millard, which are separate school districts, and would not be included.

SENATOR KELLY: No, I mean are we demanding that the school district of Omaha -

SENATOR STAHMER: We are not demanding anything, this is permissive legislation, this gives them the opportunity of in fact they can't pass bond issues to provide the buildings necessary and it leaves it up to the decision of the school board, it is not mandatory whatsoever and I'm glad you raised that point, because I think it's extremely important.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes as a Senator from Grand Island, Nebraska, I would still favor this as it permits the citizens of Omaha to do as they please.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Savage and then Senator Mahoney. Still speaking on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 10 on select file.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Lt. Governor I think this has been explained properly and I just want to rise in support of the position in favor of number 10.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, the speaker has the habit of always giving me the eye if he is in the speaker's seat or in his own chair, asking me to put this word that everybody seems to use in this day and age "input". I can only say that I think that there are two experts in the Omaha School district, no there is three, one by seniority that's George Syas, he is our leader first, then we come back down to about an even steven situation in which there is Senator Stahmer on the other side of the isle and Senator Goodrich on the opposite side. And these two Senators they work very, very hard at this, I think they are down here in the Capitol all summer long and all spring and fall, and they really work at this thing. But I talked to both sides of this, these Senators and since they are both experts I don't see Senator Goodrich in the room here but I'm sure he will come in just a minute or two because we are going to have to ask him for his advice, he is very close to this situation, I think his wife is very much interested in the Omaha PTA end of it, and holds an officership and so forth, and if you will notice the other day when this bill went across on Monday, this was a very snowy day and Senator Skarda was not able here to vote, Senator Goodrich and myself were the only two that voted against the increase, and I went to Senator Goodrich and I said what was your reason and Senator Goodrich at that point told me and I think it's a legitimate reason, that since we have all these state aid bills, and they are all going to affect some of the large districts as well as the small, and Senator Warner there will be Senators who will be voting for state aid this time that never voted for it before, and they won't be up in an airplane with a hailstorm, but there will be particular bills that are passed and it is going to most important that we take things as they come, but if the Omaha citizens, Senator Kelly this would answer your question, the tax payer in Omaha are going to be faced with picking up the difference on a state aid bill, then they will also get their return and I realize that, but if they're going to picking up more money for state aid to schools, maybe we have the horse at the wrong end of this cart because the situation is this as Glen has told me and he is smiling back there, and he is going to respond to this, we ought to see what happens to these five or six state aid bills and then come back to this legislature and you can either give us permission or not permission, but the point that I make now is that we're pushing

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